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SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

The names of individuals who will be instrumental in selecting Maryville College's 11th president have been announced.

Bryant Cureton '60, a member of the College's Board of Directors, is chairing the College's Presidential Search Committee. Cureton retired from Elmhurst (Ill.) College last year after 14 years at the helm.

Board members Nancy Cain, **Sheridan H. "Dan" Greaser '60, G. Donald Hickman '70, Diane Humphreys-Barlow '70, Wayne Kramer '74, Naomi Burgos Lynn '54** and **Alvin Nance '79** are also serving.

Faculty representatives are Dr. Carl Gombert, associate professor of art; Dr. Mark O'Gorman, associate professor of political science and chair of the faculty; and Dr. Lori Schmied, professor of psychology.

David Perkins, assistant director of the physical plant, and Dana Smith, vice president and treasurer, are representing the College's staff and administrators.

From the student body, **Ellison Berryhill '12** and **Le'Sean Brannon '11** are serving.

Laura Case, assistant to the president, is providing administrative assistance to the committee, and **Dorsey D. "Dan" Ellis '60,** alumnus and chairman of the MC Board of Directors, is serving as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

The committee is expected to present to the Board three to four outstanding candidates in time for the Board to act at its January 2010 meeting.

Cureton will post updates on the search on the MC web site regularly. Find the link under "MC at a Glance" on the homepage.

PRESIDENT GERALD GIBSON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

President Dr. Gerald Gibson

On April 27, Maryville College President Dr. Gerald W. Gibson announced to the faculty, staff and students that he would be retiring from the post at the conclusion of the 2009-2010 academic year.

"Dr. Dan Ellis, chair of the Board [of Directors], and I began discussing a year and a half ago the optimal timing for a new president to pick up the reins, and we believe that the next year should provide ample opportunity for a proper search," Gibson wrote in a memo to the campus community.

Gibson, who previously served as vice president and dean at Roanoke College in Virginia, was inaugurated Maryville College's 10th president in October of 1993. Today, he is credited for leading the College into its current state of historic strength and instituting a model of visioning and planning for progress.

Ellis, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors, thanked Gibson for his "years of transformative leadership" at the College.

"During President Gibson's tenure, Maryville College completed two major campaigns and is about to complete a third, crowned by the dramatic rise of the Clayton Center for the Arts," Ellis said. "The College also constructed six new buildings and renovated 12 others. He raised faculty and staff salaries to a competitive level, appointed outstanding new faculty, increased the size and academic quality of the student body, and elevated the stature of the College to the highest level in its long history.

"The Board of Directors regrets but understands President Gibson's decision to retire and is grateful for his providing a year's notice to facilitate a smooth transition in leadership," Ellis added.

The search for Maryville College's 11th president is underway. (See sidebar.)

Gibson said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve Maryville College.

"In December of 1992, I saw the Maryville College campus for the first time. Since that visit, this has come to feel like home," the president wrote in the memo. "Being selected by the Board of Directors to lead this fine old institution was the greatest compliment I have ever been paid, and serving here has been the high point of a long career."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The College received information printed below between March 1, 2008 and March 31, 2009. Notes received after April 1 should appear in the winter issue of FOCUS.

'24 MEMORIAM: Lillian Henry Petree, Mar. 3, 2008, in Knoxville, Tenn. After graduation from MC, she received her master's degree from the University of Tennessee and taught at John Tarleton Institute for 25 years and the Oak Ridge School System for 20 years. She was a long time member of the Second United Methodist Church and its choir. Survivors include three nephews and one niece.

'29 MEMORIAM: Jane Sherrill Vaughan, Aug. 22, 2008, in Cleveland, Tenn. She opened and ran several grocery stores until 1962; she also owned several businesses in real estate, farming and media. She was a member of Central Church of Christ since 1940. Survivors include one daughter, one son-in-law, three grandsons, seven great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

'31 MEMORIAM: Bertha Mae Lawson Henderson, April 1, 2009, in Sevierville, Tenn. She was honored by Who's Who in Tennessee Nursing Homes by the Tennessee Health Care Association. She taught school for 40 years and retired from teaching 37 years ago. She retired from teaching piano lessons when she turned 101.

'33 MEMORIAM: Frances DuPre Carter, July 17, 2008, in Knoxville, Tenn. She taught high school math in North Carolina and was an active member of Arlington Baptist Church, serving in the Missionary Society under various positions. She also served in a number of other community organizations, including the Baptist Hospital Auxiliary and Tri Psi. Survivors include two daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren.

'34 MEMORIAM: Betty Zoller Koella, May 21, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. Survivors include one son, 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

'37 MEMORIAM: Ernestine McCulley Peery, June 13, 2008, in Hamilton, Tex. Survivors include two sons, one daughter, five granddaughters, 12 great-grandchildren, five sisters and one brother.

'38 MEMORIAMS: Frances Maude Perrin, June 15, 2008, in LaFollette, Tenn. She was a social worker for many years and worked with her husband in several Presbyterian churches in South Carolina, Kentucky and Ohio. She loved the outdoors and was an accomplished pianist and organist who also taught others to play. Survivors include one daughter, one son-in-law, two sons, two daughters-in-law, two granddaughters, four grandsons and seven great-grandchildren.

- **Emma Jane Kramer White,** Aug. 4, 2008, in Northridge, Calif. Survivors include brother **Roy Kramer, '51** and nephew **Wayne Kramer, '74.**
- **Dorothy Elizabeth Armstrong Wicklund,** July 28, 2008, in Waco, Tex. She and husband **Harold Wicklund '40** had recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary in Waco on April 2, 2008. In addition to Harold, survivors include four children, 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

'39 Just a few weeks after the Baker School of Dance presented its 73rd production on May 4, 2008, **Irma Souder Baker** celebrated her 91st birthday. The school is located in Glenville, NY.

MEMORIAMS: Helen Bobo Bounds Fedric, March 27, 2007, in Heber Springs, Ariz. A retired teacher and principal for Clarksdale Public Schools, she was also a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Survivors include two sons and one brother.

- **Mildred Sara Dallas Paul,** March 31, 2008 in Waverly, Ohio. Survivors include son **R. Dana Paul '71** and family.
- **Virginia Todd Van Cise,** March 30, 2008, in Bay City, Mich.
- **William B. Wilson,** Sept. 3, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. He received his master's degree from the University of Tennessee's College of Engineering, after which he worked for General Electric for over 40 years. He was a world-recognized expert in the field of power generation. Survivors include two daughters, two sons-in-law, two grandsons and their families.

'40 MEMORIAMS: Mary Butler Hamby, June 16, 2008, in Demopolis, Ala. She attended Maryville College for two years. Survivors include two brothers, three sisters-in-law, two children, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

- **David Heydinger,** Nov. 13, 2008, in Drummond Island, Mich. After receiving his master's degree from Case Western University and serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Marines, he practiced medicine until 1974. He was a professor at Ohio State University and published many medical writings. In 1975, he became involved in rural and public health care and served in various administrative positions at Marshall University. He was also on numerous boards, including the West Virginia Department of Health. Survivors include four daughters, one son, 14 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two brothers and many nieces and nephews.
- **Mary Burns Storey,** on Feb. 9, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. She was a teacher in the Blount County and Alcoa School Systems. Survivors include one brother, one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, as well as several nieces and nephews.

'41 MEMORIAM: Robert Wilcox, Nov. 10, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. A retired minister in the United Methodist Church, he was also a teacher at New Market High School. He served as president of numerous conferences and boards and was an active member of the Boards of Trustees of Emory and Henry, Hiwassee and Tennessee Wesleyan colleges, the last of which presented him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Survivors include three cousins-in-law and their families.

'42 MEMORIAMS: Mary Helen Caldwell, Sept. 7, 2008, in Cary, N.C. She was a career employee with the State of North Carolina. She retired in 1986 after working 43 years for the Employment Security Commission. She contributed to the "Dictionary of Occupational Titles" and served on the Resident Association Council of Gleinaire Retirement Community. She was also an active member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church and served as a docent for the North Carolina Museum of Art in Raleigh. Survivors include one nephew and his wife.

- **Margaret Proffitt Cunningham,** May 6, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. After graduating from MC, she was a 4-H worker and a home demonstration agent. She also worked as a teacher/dietician for Rogersville Elementary School for 26 years. Survivors include husband **Ben Allen Cunningham '42;** two daughters; two sons-in-law; two grandchildren; siblings **Nina Cunningham Russell '44, William Proffitt '49,** and **Robert**

Proffitt '51; one brother-in-law, two sisters-in-law, including **Vera Lusk Proffitt '49;** and several nieces and nephews.

'43 Olga Marie Welsh Ketchum enjoyed her 92nd birthday last summer with some of her family and friends, according to her daughter **Susan Katherine Ketchum '69,** who wrote that though "a stroke took her speech, she makes herself understood with smiles and gestures" and "remains active in daily events."

MEMORIAMS: Mary Cowan Doxsee, on May 11, 2008, in The Plains, Ohio. She pursued a master's degree at Columbia University and Leeds University in England and taught textiles in the Ohio University School of Home Economics for over 30 years. She was an active member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Athens and was a founding member and volunteer at the Athens County Historical Society and Museum. Survivors include husband Lawrence, one niece and two nephews.

■ **Robert Francis,** Feb. 27, 2008, and wife **Betty Robinson Francis,** March 18, 2008, in Alpharetta, Ga. Survivors include one daughter.

■ **Oscar "Jack" Lippard,** June 29, 2008, in Kirkwood, Mo. He practiced podiatry for over 40 years and developed and directed the Diabetic Foot Clinic at Barnes Hospital for over 30 years. He wrote many articles on podiatry and diabetes and was also active in the arts community in St. Louis. Survivors include wife **Ellen Pascoe Lippard '45,** one son, one daughter and two grandchildren.

'44 MEMORIAMS: Helen Anderson Kerr, May 25, 2008, in Knoxville, Tenn. She was an active member of New Providence Presbyterian Church for over 60 years in various positions and also loved to travel. Survivors include children **John Kerr Jr. '67, Barbara Anne Kerr '76, Linda Kerr Shinn '97** and their families, sister **Carolyn Anderson Carter '56,** two grandchildren and four nieces and nephews and their families.

■ **Ruth Cathcart Rowland,** Nov. 7, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Survivors include two daughters, one son-in-law, two grandchildren, niece **Kathy Blair '83** and one nephew.

■ **Robert L. Shalkop,** Aug. 13, 2008, in Salisbury, N.C. He joined the Army Air Corps to serve in World War II and received a master's degree in anthropology from the University of Chicago when he returned. He was an archaeologist and art museum director and appeared in *Who's Who*. Survivors include wife Antoinette.

FORMER MEDALLION, ALUMNI CITATION WINNERS MOURNED

ARTHUR BUSHING '43, longtime English professor and administrator at Maryville College, died Oct. 29, 2008, in his home in Maryville.

He was born in Oroville, Wash. He served in World War II, where he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Battle of the Rhineland medal and the Battle of Central Europe medal.

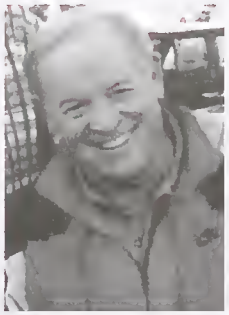
He returned to teach at MC in 1947 as assistant professor of English and held various other positions at MC, including chair of the English department and director of the college's continuing education program, which he initiated in 1973.

Bushing earned his master's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1948 and continued his education at the University of Iowa and Duke, among others.

He was awarded an honorary doctor of letters in 1991 and retired from formal teaching in 1996.

He was awarded the Maryville College Medallion, the College's highest honor, in 2000, and recognized as a "Legend of Anderson Hall" during Homecoming 2008.

Survivors include wife **Dorothy Barber Bushing '42,** son Stuart, three daughters, including **Barbera Bushing '71, Kathryn Bushing Banfield '97** and **Jennifer Hill '82,** seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



JAMES CAMPBELL '53, who was awarded the College's Alumni Citation in 1998, passed away Aug. 24, 2008, in Maryville.

Campbell was a three-sport athlete at MC and signed on with the Cincinnati Reds after graduation but soon was drafted into the Army. After serving in Korea, he taught and coached in the Clinton and Maryville city schools systems.

Active in church, he completed coursework at Princeton Seminary during the 1960s and served as director of Christian education in two churches.

He was Maryville High School's Athletics Director from 1981 until 1996. When he retired, the school's gymnasium was named in his honor.

Campbell also helped organize the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame and remained active in local sports by broadcasting Maryville High School and Maryville College football and basketball games.

Survivors include his wife, **Janice Eakin Campbell '54;** brother **G. David Campbell '49** and wife **Peggy Cummings Campbell,** and brother **Marion (Jerry) Campbell '51** and wife Charlotte; son David Campbell and wife Mary Lynn Tobin and son **James Campbell '79** and wife **Priscilla Book Campbell '79** and four grandchildren.

TWO FRIENDS OF MC PASS AWAY

MARGARET FRANCES JONES, who served as housemother at Lloyd Hall in the 1960s, died Dec. 11, 2007, in Maryville.

She was a member of New Providence Presbyterian Church and the Chilhowee Club. She was retired from the University of Louisville Book Store.

Survivors include three daughters, Judith Herr, Mary Lou MacCall and **Margaret Jones Dent '57**; sons-in-law **Harry MacCall '55** and **Bill Dent '57**; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

SCOTS' FANS BID GOODBYE TO NANCY BAIRD

One of the Scots' most loyal fans, Nancy Hubbart Baird, passed away on Nov. 30, 2008. She was 88.

The wife of **Boydson Baird '41,** Nancy moved to Maryville in 1959 when her husband was hired as head football coach and professor. Student-athletes of the 1960s and 1970s likely remember visiting the Baird's home prior to games, when she prepared "training meals" (poached eggs, hot tea, toast and fruit cocktail) for players' energy and muscle endurance.

She was a familiar face at the Scots' home and away games, even following Boydson's retirement in 1976. A native of Ohio, Nancy graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and worked in Japan with the American Red Cross following World War II. Later in life, she worked as a librarian with the Blount County School System and at John Sevier Elementary School. She received a master's degree in education from Union College at the age of 61.

Honoring Nancy's dedication to education and to the College's athletic program, the Baird children donated money in 2000 for furniture and refurbishment of a classroom located in Cooper Athletic Center. It was dedicated the Nancy Baird Classroom in 2001.

She is survived by husband Boydson; children **Faith Baird Carpenter '72,** Annie Baird Frick and Weldon Baird; and their families.

'45 **Ethel Beall Rosenfeld** wrote to report the death of her husband Jerome in 2007. **Bob Seel** and family members visited Puerto Rico in August 2008 where his father (MC professor) and mother (**Miriam Seel '13**) served as President of the Polytech Institute in San Germán.

MEMORIAM: Frances Lane Edwards, Sept. 29, 2008, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Survivors include four daughters and their husbands, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'46 **Mary Batchelor Seel** returned to Jesus Hospital in Jeonju, Korea, where she was director, for its 110th anniversary. Editor **Dean Stone** and *The Daily Times* received a first place award in the region for Vol. III, "Snapshots of Blount County History," which promoted knowledge and preservation of local history. Over 600 entries in newspapers in 11 Southeast states were in the competition sponsored by the Atlanta Professional Chapter of the Society of the Professional Journalists. Stone has worked at *The Daily Times* in Maryville, Tenn., for more than 60 years. **Neysa Ferguson Willocks** and husband **Robert Willocks '49** continue to do missions work in South America, Africa and Asia.

MEMORIAM: Nelle Ousley Widner, Aug. 5, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. She taught first grade and remedial reading in the Alcoa City School System until her retirement in 1987 and was an active member of Alcoa First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years. Survivors include sons Stephen Widner and **David Widner '81,** daughter-in-law **Lesa Andrews Widner '82,** one daughter, eight grandchildren, one brother, two sisters-in-law, 10 nieces, nine nephews and their families.

'47 **MEMORIAM: Howard "Red" Meineke,** Sept. 2, 2008, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Originally in the class of '44, he returned to graduate after service as a naval officer during World War II. He completed his doctorate at the University of Cincinnati where he taught in the anatomy department for more than 50 years. Survivors include one son, four daughters, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

'48 **Elaine Kern Magliulo** did some traveling this past year and finally realized her dream of seeing Alaska.

MEMORIAM: Ruth Williams Brewer, July 20, 2008, in Loudon, Tenn. Co-owner of the Five to Five Department Store for over 50 years in Loudon, she was also a member of various women's clubs in the area. Survivors include daughter **Millicent "Millie" Brewer Brown '78,** one son, two siblings and their families.

'49 **MEMORIAM: Alan Rock,** Oct. 28, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. After earning a graduate degree from the University of Tennessee, he worked with GAB Business Services in Akron, Ohio, until retiring in 1987. He was an army veteran who served in World War II and the Korean Conflict. He enthusiastically attended MC sporting events and was an elder and worship leader at Highland Presbyterian Church. Survivors include wife **Jean Cobb Rock '48,** three daughters, including **Janet Rock '79** and their families.

'50 **MEMORIAMS: John Bender,** Sr., April 30, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. He was a Christian Church minister and a member of Liberty Christian Church. After serving in World War II, he attended Biarritz University in France, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Johnson Bible College. He received a master's degree from Butler University. Survivors include one son, two brothers and their families.

- **Donald Robert Boring,** March 15, 2008, in Palo Alto, Calif. A talented basketball and baseball player, he was inducted into the Blount County Athletic Hall of Fame and the MC Sports Wall Of Fame and played baseball in the New York Giants Farm System until 1955. He earned his master's degree from the University of North Carolina. Survivors include wife **Alice Davenport Boring '50,** one brother-in-law, four children and six grandchildren and their families.
- **Lambert Stewart,** May 16, 2008, in Bradenton, Fla.

ALUMNA SUPPORTS ARTS, HONORS FAMILY WITH GIFT

RUTH LIGHT FOX '64 DOESN'T THINK OF HERSELF AS AN ARTISTIC PERSON, but that doesn't keep her from appreciating good music, striking visuals or dramatic stories.

In fact, when the Clayton Center for the Arts opens in Spring 2010, Fox intends to be a regular patron of the concerts, plays, recitals and shows performed and exhibited there.

And she hopes her grandsons will accompany her, as well.

Located on the campus of Maryville College and constructed through a partnership of the College, the cities of Maryville and Alcoa, and state and federal governments, the Clayton Center will celebrate the art and culture of the Appalachian region by serving as a venue for local musicians, performers and artists. Its design will also accommodate plays and musicals, concerts by touring musicians and orchestras, traveling art exhibits, film series, children's plays and presentations by nationally recognized speakers.

Fox recently made a donation to the Clayton Center. With that money, a seat in the main performance hall will bear her name and three outdoor brick pavers will display the names of grandsons Barrett, Harrison and Brody Schwall.

"I'd like to see them involved in the arts," she said of her grandsons who are 7, 5 and 3 years of age. "I don't know what they'll do, but I think exposing them to the arts at this age is important. It makes them more well-rounded and broadens their outlook on life."

Fox attended the topping out and naming ceremony for the Clayton Center back in April. While people had the chance to sign their names on the last piece of steel that would be added to the building, Fox signed not only her name, but her mother's name, **Mary Elizabeth Ammons Light.**

Mrs. Light graduated from the College in 1934, and Fox's mother-in-law, Mabel Blackburn Fox, was a graduate of the class of 1929. Fox said both were "very artistic" and, had they lived to see the facility constructed, would be pleased to see a new gathering place for artists and art-lovers in the region opening on their alma mater's campus.

By placing her name and those of her grandchildren on things inside and outside the facility, Fox said she isn't just showing her support of the arts and the partnership to construct the Clayton Center, she's extending the name – and the memory – of her family.

"And it's affordable," she points out for people who are thinking about making a gift.

For ways to give to the Clayton Center for the Arts, see story, page 9.

At Left: Ruth Fox with grandsons Barrett, Brody and Harrison Schwall.

'51 MEMORIAMS: Bill Shields, July 24, 2008, in Fort Myers, Fla. Survivors include wife **Jean Pelton Shields '52,** one daughter and one son.

■ **Gloria Measamer Steadman,** March 21, 2008, in Mascot, Tenn. A member of the Mascot United Methodist Church, she served as organist and pianist, as well as on various committees. She and her husband were lifelong members of the Mascot community where she taught voice and piano. She was also a supporter of the Wildlife Association and the Humane Society. Survivors include one son, one daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

'52 Mary Lee Snoderly Coleman and her husband Gene celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Nov 19, 2008. She has taught piano for more than 55 years and worked at Lamar Amburn's Produce in Maryville for more than 25 years. **Galen Johnson, Jr.** celebrated his 80th birthday on Oct. 4, 2008. He was a teacher, principal and coach in the Blount County Schools System for 35 years. He is a member of Liberty Christian Church and a member of the Blount County Sports Hall of Fame board. **Kennedy Upham** and wife **Joy Hickman Upham** celebrated their 55th anniversary in Conway, Ark. The two sociology majors met at MC and have two sons and five grandchildren. They are certified leaders under the Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment and have led numerous marriage retreats.

MEMORIAMS: Mary Lois Clark, Mar. 12, 2008, in Brooksville, Fla. After graduating from MC, she

ALUMNI NAMES ADDED TO AREA HALLS OF FAME

Several alumni have been inducted into area sports halls of fame.

Gene Reynolds '51 was one of 10 inducted into Blount County's Hall of Fame during an Oct. 27, 2008 banquet.

For Blount County's 2009 class, the slate includes **Archie Anderson '67, Ken Chambers '61, Jimmy "Flash" Harris '58** (posthumously), **Earl McMahon '75** and **Bill Padgett '69.** The banquet honoring these alumni (and five other Blount County athletes) is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2009.

Bill Owenby '62 was inducted into the Sevier County High School Hall of Fame last summer.

The names on Maryville College's Wall of Fame will be extended by seven this fall, when **Walter "Les" Rock '43, Alan Rock '49, Randy Schaurer '75, Ken Adair '81, Denise Penzkofer '85, Ben Sohrabi '92** and **Kelvin Richardson '93** are inducted.

ATHLETICS ANNOUNCES BRICK CAMPAIGN

Want to show your support for Maryville College Athletics?

Put it in stone! … Er, we mean "Put it in brick!"

For $250, a brick inscribed with the name of a former MC athlete, coach or loyal Scots fan will be placed in the Athletic Recognition Plaza (formerly known as the letterman's walk), which is located in front of the entrance to Thornton Stadium.

Money raised from the brick campaign will go to support the College's athletics field and court maintenance program.

For more information, contact Julie Patrick, assistant athletic director, at 865.981.8390 or julie.patrick@maryvillecollege.edu.

helped organize and charter the River Bend Chapter of Sweet Adelines International in LaPorte, Ind. She retired from St. Joseph Regional Medical Center and moved to Florida, where she became a member of the Mariner United Methodist Church.

▪ **Robert McKean,** July 25, 2008, in Columbus, Ohio. After retiring from Nationwide Insurance, he ran his own business of refinishing and selling antique tools. Survivors include wife **Abby Crosby McKean '55,** sister **Harriet McKeen Fields '47,** one daughter, three sons and their families.

'54 R. Max Sockwell and **Ethel Shockley Sockwell** wrote that their first great-grandchild was born in August 2008. **Hazel Timblin Townsend** and husband **Earle Townsend** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 23, 2008.

'55 MEMORIAM: Priscilla Ingles Watson, Nov. 17, 2008, in Waynesboro, Va. At MC she was a class sponsor, officer and a singer. She worked in personnel for two companies in Pennsylvania and was a writer and editor of the *Burlington County Times* in Willingboro, N.J. for nine years. She worked in real estate in Maryland and was president of and volunteered in several clubs and organizations. Survivors include husband Robert, two sons and their families, one daughter, one brother and his family, three sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

'56 In September 2008, **James H. Laster** completed a three-week run of the comedy "Unnecessary Farce" at Wayside Theatre in Winchester, VA. He has also performed in the Agatha Christie thriller "The Mousetrap" and returned in his role as Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol" in December 2008. **Madlon Travis Laster** is teaching English grammar for the Cottage School, an organization for home-schooled students in Winchester, Va. Her second book, *Teach the Way the Brain Learns: Curriculum Themes Build Neuron Networks,* was published recently by Rowman & Littlefield Education.

MEMORIAMS: John Borter, April 20, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He earned a master's degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Ordained as a Presbyterian minister, he has served as pastor in several churches throughout the country and was very active in his community. Survivors include wife Carol; three children, two grandchildren, sister **Wilma Borter Matysek '52;** two brothers and sisters-in-law, including **John Braymer '68,** and **Meta Robinson Braymer '68;** five nieces and nephews and three great-nieces and great-nephews.

▪ **Billy "Buddy" Gilbert,** Aug. 15, 2008, in Alcoa, Tenn. An accomplished athlete in high school, he played football at MC except for a period of service in the Army during the Korean War. He coached at several schools, including MC and Maryville High before his retirement in 1994. Survivors include wife Peggie, one son, one daughter, three step-daughters, nine grandchildren, one brother and his family and two aunts.

'57 MEMORIAM:

Joan Margaret Davis, March 5, 2008, in Staunton, Va. She received a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and became a social worker in California and Virginia for various agencies. She worked as a crisis supervisor for the Valley Community Service Board for more than 10 years. Survivors include Barbara Puzanskas, sister **Linda Davis Gresham '66,** six nephews and nieces, brother-in-law **W. Jonathan Gresham '65** and several grandnieces and nephews.

'58 Shirley Carr-Clowney was named a finalist in the YWCA Knoxville's 2008 Tribute to Women. She was nominated for the Phyllis Wheatley Memorial Humanitarian Award for her involvement in numerous historical and race-conscious groups in the community, including the position of executive director of African Americans of Appalachia and Blount County and former president of the Blount County Genealogical and Historical Society. **Nancy Meise** was a member of the choral group that presented a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 3, 2008. **Lynn Mitchell Montgomery** has retired after 50 years of teaching music lessons, primarily piano. During her time at MC, she was a member of the choir and accompanied countless choirs and theater productions. **Donald Vandenberg** published two articles. "Education, Religion, and a Sustainable Planet" was published in *The Journal of Educational Studies*, Vol. 43, pp. 58-72. "A Guide to Educational Philosophizing After Heidegger" was published in *Educational Philosophy and Theory*, Vol. 40, pp. 249-265.

'60 Bryant Cureton, president of Elmhurst College for 14 years, retired at the end of the 2007-2008 academic year. He was previously vice president, dean of faculty and provost at Hartwick College for 23 years. He is now chairing MC's Presidential Search Committee. (See front cover.)

'61 Bill Crisp and his wife Carolyn celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 4, 2008. **Fred Morrison** was appointed to the Law-Related Education Advisory Committee for 2008-2009 as part of the North Carolina Bar Association's continuing efforts toward a better understanding of, and appreciation for, the rule of law in the youth and adult population of North Carolina. **MEMORIAM: Danny Johnston,** April 9, 2008, in Aliquippa, Pa. He served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve for 29 years before purchasing the Henderson Insurance Agency in Aliquippa. He was secretary and treasurer during his membership at the Aliquippa BPO Elks Lodge. Survivors include wife Verna, one daughter, two granddaughters and one brother.

'62 Susan Bloomer Clark is recovering from severe head injuries resulting from a robbery in 2006 and is back into an active life, heading a healing ministry in her church. She reported she is "greatly enjoying life!" **MEMORIAM: Johnny Hayes,** Sept. 20, 2008, in Sideview, Tenn. Hayes attended MC for a year before graduating from Tennessee Technological University, going on to establish an insurance firm. He was a finance chairman for Al Gore and other Democratic campaigns for more than 30 years and was named a Tennessee Valley Authority director, as well as a commissioner of employment security and commissioner of economic and community development. Survivors include wife Mary, three children and one sister.

'63 Carolyn Hill Couser and **Dyrk Couser '61** divorced in 2008. They have four children and 15 grandchildren, two of whom are in the Naval Academy and will reenter the Marines after graduation. Carolyn is a retired teacher and would love to hear from old friends. **Patricia Crossley Rehm** has "unretired" from teaching to teach a Life Skills Program at Salado High School in Salado, Tex. Husband **Bradford Rehm** officially retired in 2008, but is currently working as a consultant and still raises Boer goats. **Betty Sue**

HESS ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Maryville College Registrar **Martha Hess '67** recently announced that she will retire at the end of the 2009 calendar year.

When she leaves her office in December, she will close out a distinguished career that spans 35 years. "Without doubt, a poll of the faculty, staff and students would reflect near unanimity on at least one thing: Martha Hess is the best personification we have of Maryville College values. She reflects almost perfectly what was long called 'the Maryville Spirit,' said Maryville College President Gerald W. Gibson. "The value of her contributions to the life and work of the College over so many years is beyond calculation. She has been an inspiration to me over the years that I have served at Maryville."

An English major at the College, Hess taught English and math at Farragut High School after graduation. Completing her second summer of graduate-school coursework in 1974, she was offered the position of registrar at MC.

During her tenure, Hess has chaired and led numerous committees and councils and has served on many others, including Staff Council, the Academic Life Council, the Curriculum Task Force, the Admissions Committee and the Outstanding Senior Selection Committee. In 1999, she was asked to chair the "Traditions and Values Commission," a group formed to carry out the first phase in developing the MC Window of Opportunity strategic plan.

For her exceptional service and devotion to the College, she twice has been recognized with the Outstanding Administrator Award and was winner of the Sharon Murphy Crane Award in 1988.

She received the College's Alumni Citation in 2005 and on Oct. 15, 2009, was recognized with the Medallion, Maryville College's highest award.

Dr. Helen Petts Cripe '53 presents her research to officials at the International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS) in Charlottesville, Va.

Dr. Helen Petts Cripe '53 spent the month of January at the International Center for Jefferson Studies (ICJS) in Charlottesville, Va., where she conducted research for the revision and updating of her 1974 book, *Thomas Jefferson and Music*.

Considered the best book ever written on Thomas Jefferson's musical life, *Thomas Jefferson and Music* documents the music scene of period, the music he enjoyed and the instruments he played. The work also includes the 1783 catalogue of Jefferson's music library and a catalogue of the Monticello music collection. Cripe's revised version is expected to be available for purchase this fall.

Her work in Charlottesville was made possible through a fellowship that provided a stipend, funds for travel and living arrangements on the grounds of the Center. On Jan. 29, she gave a lecture about her research in the main reading room of the ICJS.

A resident of Wilmington, Del., Cripe works fulltime for itrTechServices, a systems integration and IT company.

Talbott Wengert and husband are "retired." They have four grandchildren, including the newest edition, Dylan Thomas Morris, born Dec. 12, 2007.

'64 **John Leland** retired recently after completing a 37-year career as a historian with the U.S. Air Force. At the time of his retirement, he was assigned to Headquarters Air Mobility at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, where he served as the Deputy Command Historian.

'65 **Elenora Easterly Edwards** and six other '65 graduates gathered for the 7th Great Baldwin Hall Girls Reunion, Oct. 10-13, 2008 at Lake Tansi Resort near Crossville, Tenn. The six girls began their college years on the third floor of Baldwin Hall in Sept. 1961. Participating were **Pat Dobbin Chambers, Martha E. Cook, Vicki Green Cothroll, Michelle Ann Douglas Sabine** and **Gail Smith Stinnett.**

'66 **Betty Robinson Gaidry** and her husband Jim worked as Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Volunteers when tropical storm Fay flooded Brevard County, Fla., where they have lived for more than 20 years.

'67 **Fred Abramoff** transferred to the Police Legal Bureau (Miami-Dade Police Department) in 2008 in Miami, Fla. He is also continuing a parallel career path as a mediator. **Thomas Allen** is employed in a management position at AT&T Mobility as senior software quality assurance analyst. He remains active in music, from church choirs to the organ committee and Toastmasters. He has two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. **James Bernard** retired in September 2007 from ministry. He served for 37 years as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in churches in Kentucky and Ohio. He and his wife have moved to Kentucky to be near their children and three grandsons. **Tom Dickson** was selected in September 2008 to represent the 6th district in the Georgia House of Representatives. He earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and an educational specialist degree from the State University of West Georgia. He is a retired school superintendent and has served on numerous healthcare and education boards. **William "Ed" Harmon** was honored by two Tennessee Methodist colleges for his commitment to higher education and the United Methodist Church. Hiwassee College awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, and Martin Methodist College presented him with the President's Medallion. **Robert Hart,** retired reverend as of 2007, is now heading a project to create The Great Lakes Literary Arts Center at The Shaman Drum Bookshop in Ann Arbor, Mich.

'68 **Alice Junkin Landolt** is directing the church choir at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Brownsburg, Ind. She and husband Robert are enjoying their five grandchildren.

'69 **Joe Dawson,** along with two other administrators of Blount Memorial Hospital, was named fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He has been the hospital's administrator since 1985. **Richard Smith** was installed March 11, 2008 as the General Presbyter of Transylvania Presbytery in Eastern Kentucky.

MEMORIAM: Richard Karns, May 27, 2008, in Columbus, Ohio. He was ordained to the

COLLEGE MOURNS DEATH OF IRMA YOUNG

Irma Kleeb Young, an empowering advocate for the Deaf Community who was instrumental in starting the world's first four-year degree for professional sign language interpreters at Maryville College, died Feb. 13, 2009 following a long illness.

She was 83.

Prior to joining the Maryville College faculty in 1974, Young served as a community interpreter and lobbied Congress to improve rights for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. She helped found the Knoxville Center of the Deaf. In 1974, then Gov. Winfield Dunn presented Young with a Distinguished Service Award "for her efforts in promoting communication with the Deaf and her efforts in helping establish the Maryville College program."

From 1974 until her departure in 1987, Young guided the College's interpreting program to national prominence. For her efforts, Maryville College awarded her the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions in a Chosen Profession during opening convocation ceremonies in 1991.

In lieu of flowers, the family asked that memorial contributions be made to the College's Sign Language Interpreter Degree Program.

ALUMNI ASKED TO GIVE TO CLAYTON CENTER

CLAYTON CENTER *for the arts*

In a few months, the Clayton Center for the Arts will hold its grand opening.

Located on the campus of Maryville College and constructed through a partnership of the College, the cities of Maryville and Alcoa, and state and federal governments, the Clayton Center will celebrate the art and culture of the Appalachian region by serving as a venue for local musicians, performers and artists. Its design will also accommodate plays and musicals, concerts by touring musicians and orchestras, traveling art exhibits, film series, children's plays and presentations by nationally recognized speakers.

Recently, Robert Hutchens, director of the Clayton Center, announced opportunities for individuals and businesses to put their names – and the names of loved ones – in the facility.

"A few spaces are still available for naming," he said, "and I would especially like to encourage alumni to consider donating in honor of a favorite music teacher or art or theatre professor.

"Maryville College's outstanding reputation in the arts dates back many decades, and it is our hope that the names that helped build that reputation are well represented and appropriately honored in that beautiful facility."

Below are the ways that alumni, parents and friends can become part of the Clayton Center for the Arts today.

- **NAMED SPACES.** Spaces in and around the Clayton Center are still available for naming, including the outdoor plaza, the instrumental rehearsal hall and several dressing rooms and practice rooms. Prices tied to named spaces start at $10,000.

- **NAMED SEATS.** Seats in the main performance hall may be named for anyone the donor chooses. Costs are $2,000 per seat.

- **OUTDOOR PAVERS.** With two lines of text and 14 letters/spaces per line, pavers may be named for anyone the donor chooses. Pavers are $1,000 each but if named for a student, child or grandchild under the age of 18, the discounted price is $250 each. (Children's pavers will be laid in a special section in the plaza.)

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- **BENEFACTOR BENEFITS.** Opportunities to purchase VIP benefactor benefits include preferred seating tickets, parking and invitations to special VIP events.

- **CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS.** If your business would like to sponsor shows, recitals or artists series at the Clayton Center for the Arts, please call Robert Hutchens at 865.981.8264.

Several alumni have already become donors to the Clayton Center. (See related story, page 5.)

For giving opportunity details and forms, visit **claytonartscenter.com** or call **865.981.8264**

ministry in the Presbyterian Church and served in churches throughout the north and midwest. Survivors include wife Faith, one daughter, one step-daughter and two granddaughters.

'71 MEMORIAM: Elizabeth Crawford Scott, April 25, 2008, in Maryville, Tenn. A long-time teacher for the Maryville City Schools system, most recently special education teacher for Maryville High, she was also instrumental in starting Gateway to Independence, which provides services to disabled people. Maryville High honored her in a fundraiser for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Survivors include husband Roger, two children, mother, one sister, two brothers and grandchildren.

'72 Lucy Schindler Murr retired in July 2008 after 30 years as agent in charge of the Oconee County office of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services. She is now working full-time in her own medical massage business, Oconee Neuromuscular Therapy. Husband **Kenneth Murr** is working as a librarian at GE Gas Turbine in Greenville, S.C. Their daughter is a student at Presbyterian College. One son is working in manufacturing and the other son is attending medical school. **Nancy Rankin Smith** is the new executive director of the Hopewell Museum in Paris, Ky. **MEMORIAM: Elizabeth Earl Kell,** Aug. 14, 2008, in Chapel Hill, N.C. She earned a master's degree from the University of Tennessee and was a social activist who marched for several causes. She worked for the Chapel Hill Transportation Department as a driver and supervisor and was also an avid gardener. Survivors include life partner Mary L. Dexter, mother, one sister, three aunts and seven cousins and their families.

'74 As founder and owner of Oceanpoint Consulting, a management and organizational development company, **Thomas Radice** has worked overseas, including Kazakhstan, Dubai, Hong Kong and Moscow. **Judson Stone** and his wife Janice traveled to Chiang Mia, Thailand to attend a conference about business and mission in Afghanistan. Their son Nathaniel returned safely from Iraq where he was injured in combat. They and their two other sons planned a missions trip to Tijuana in 2008 with Youth With A Mission.

In celebration of 40th birthdays, members of the classes of 1989 and 1990 took a trip to Juarez, Mexico, in February 2008. Making the trip were *(front row, l-r)* **Laura Brock Lynch '89, Heidi Hoffecker '89, Tammy Taylor Blaine '89;** *(back row, l-r)* **Marcia Kilby Rethwilm '89, Becky Shackleford Marambio '90, Maria Cole Galyon '89** and **Wendi Jo Medlin Usselton '89.**

'75 Tom Brackbill is serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Alma, Mich. In 2007, **Wayne Dansbury** reactivated his membership with Actor's Equity Association, the labor union for professional actors and stage managers, in order to continue his career as a stage manager. He is based in the Philadelphia, Pa., region and welcomes opportunities to tour in between gigs.

'76 Pam Thomson Brackbill is a match specialist with Big Brothers/Big Sisters in Alma, Mich. **Lisa Lynne Wishon** is serving as pastor at Fairview United Methodist Church in North Carolina.

'77 Deborah Welch Douglas is currently enrolled in Eden Theological Seminary as a candidate for a master of divinity degree. **Curt Leonard** was recognized by the Society of CIC for 20 years of leadership in and commitment to excellence in the insurance profession. **Nancy Shamblin West,** who began her career as a teacher with the Maryville City Schools System in 1977, replaced former principal Pat Bradley at Woodland Elementary School in Oak Ridge, Tenn., in July 2008. West earned her master's degree in administration and supervision from Lincoln Memorial University.

'78 Tillman Crane's book *Odin Stone* was published in December 2008. This is his third collection of photographs and features the Orkney Islands on the northern Scottish border. **Grace Riley Price** owns and operates Price Counseling in Georgia. She is involved in the Cherokee County DUI/Drug Court Program. Her husband Phil retired as a state police officer in 2006. Their son Zack is attending Kennesaw State University and daughter Emma is a student at Sequoyah High School. **Lee Struble** resides in Rochester, N.Y., where he is the director of public safety at Monroe Community College.

'79 Wade Edmond has been an educator since graduation and is currently serving in his second principal position in the Broward County School System in Florida. **Paula Hensley** recently retired from the Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind after many years as the dean of students. She is working on a new career with nutritional company and product Juice Plus.

'80 Tony Ierulli is entering his seventh season as football coach at Maryville College and has been named to the NCAA Football Rules Committee, which he will serve on until 2012. **Betty Vars Julian** and husband **Kevin Julian '81** reported that their son Daniel has been selected by the College of the Holy Cross to participate in an internship program in Washington, D.C. Their daughter Kristyn continues with her competitive swimming and will participate in the Junior Olympics. **MARRIAGE: Robyn DeMaat** to James Robb, July 5, 2008.

'81 Mark Burnett celebrated his 20th year with the post office by being promoted to Postmaster of Jefferson City, Tenn. He also finished his 10th

year as head soccer coach at William Blount High.

'82 **Vanessa Logan** is living in the Seattle, Wash., area with her children. The survey technician with the U.S. Bureau of Census is engaged to be married in fall 2009 to her high school sweetheart. **John Sanders** works as the administrator for the Medical University of S.C. Children's Hospital by working with Perinatal Services in Charleston. He spent 2007-2008 recovering from lung cancer.

'84 **Samuel C Hill, III** is the vice president at Florida First Bank in Winter Park, Fla.

'85 **Michael Kennedy** has retired from the U.S. Navy and is now employed as an operations instructor for Southern Nuclear Company near Baxley, Ga.

'86 **Elizabeth Goodier Esrey** has transferred within the DuPont Company to Pioneer International Seed Co. She is now a member of regulatory science, dealing with gas chromatography and mass spectroscopy, helping answer questions about new product registration. **Terry Harmon** has been promoted to lead health physics technician at the Science and Ecology Corporation in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

'87 David Marcum is working as project manager at J.R. Wauford Co. in Maryville after receiving a second bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee.

Cynthia Claborn Stevens has been named department chair of visual and performing arts for San Jacinto College South in Houston, Tex.

'89 See photo, page 10.

'91 **H. Troy Green** graduated from Memphis Theological Seminary in May 2008 with a master of divinity degree and is ordained as a minister and installed as a pastor of Petersburg Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Petersburg, Tenn. **Mark Smelser** opened his restaurant "Slapdogs" in Kingsport, Tenn., in spring 2008. He also ran the Boston Marathon, his fourth marathon within a year, with a time of 3:12:12.

'92 **Scoval Blevins** and family moved to El Paso, Tex., in 2008, where he is working as an engineering manager with Foamex in Santa Teresa, N.M. He has been with Foamex for 16 years. His son Anton entered the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland in June 2009 as part of his plan to become a fighter pilot. **Julee Miller** has graduated from Oriental Medicine School in Texas and has moved back to her home state of Florida. She opened a wellness clinic in Jacksonville with two other associates in the winter of 2008.

'93 **Helen Costner** is working as a systems administrator at The Paradies Shops in Smyrna, Ga. **Robin Morris Hardin** works as dual enrollment and internship coordinator at Cape

GREEN SELECTED FOR FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, TEACHES IN COLOMBIA

Last year, **Rebel Green '01** was selected to participate in the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, an international educational exchange program that provides opportunities for teachers to participate in direct exchanges of positions with colleagues from 155 countries.

The program was introduced through legislation by the late Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas in 1945 and selects participants based on leadership potential and academic merit.

Green was among approximately 450 teachers selected nationwide to travel abroad during the 2008-2009 school year.

He taught eighth- through 11th-grade English at a private Jesuit school in Manizales, Colombia, while a Colombian teacher traveled to Luella High School in Locust Grove, Ga., to teach his students Spanish.

He lived with the locals and experienced Colombian culture. Impressed by the hospitality of the Colombians, Green said that the most rewarding aspect of teaching in Colombia was the friendships he made.

"When I visit I will always have a place to stay and people to hang out with," he said. "I was invited to eat with people who lived in very large, expensive houses and also with people who lived in very small, cramped houses in bad neighborhoods."

And the teacher learned a memorable lesson.

Struck by the happiness of the Colombians, who generally have fewer possessions than most in the U.S., Green commented, "The relationships that they have are what keep them happy. That was one thing I hope to keep with me: material things do not bring happiness."

He appreciates the opportunity to gain real world experience in another country. He said he hopes his experience will pique his students' interest in exploring the world and learning about different cultures.

Kenny Saffles '99 and wife Gerend McFall Saffles '01, a son, Liam Kale, Dec. 19, 2007.

Fear Community College in Wilmington, N.C, where she lives with her husband and two children.
BIRTH: Staci Crisp Lawhorn and husband Andrew, a daughter, Andi Love, April 26, 2007.

'94 John Dalton completed his first year as Townsend Elementary School's new principal. He completed a master of science degree at Lincoln Memorial University and is working on his doctorate at the University of Tennessee. He began his teaching career in 1994, served as assistant principal of William Blount High School for six years and as a teacher and assistant principal at other schools.
BIRTHS: Christine Straley Burns and husband Jeff, a son, Nicholas, Nov. 15, 2007. **Justin Phillips** and wife Ellen, a daughter, Haley Julianne, Feb. 5, 2008.

'95 Sara Lynn Goelz Carey received a master's degree in pastoral studies with an emphasis on parish life and administration from Loyola University New Orleans in May 2008. She continues as the director of religious education at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church in Crossville, Tenn. **Yoshikazu Nagasawa** is currently the assistant manager for Hitachi Transport System America in Atlanta, Ga.
BIRTH: Yoshikazu Nagasawa and wife Chiyoko, a daughter, Satsuki, May 8, 2006.

'96 Gwendolyn "Wendy" Cloninger Campbell is a teacher in Blount County Schools, Tennessee. **Scott Moss** has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy. Last year, he completed two tours of the Persian Gulf and is currently assigned as the operations officer for Fleet Air Reconnaissance in Oklahoma City, Okla. **Christopher Noe** is chief development officer for the Delray Beach Cultural Center in Delray Beach, Fla.
MARRIAGE: Kristin Kant to Carl Byers, Sept. 29, 2008.
BIRTH: Gwendolyn "Wendy" Cloninger Campbell and husband Dwight, a daughter, Olivia, May 24, 2007.

'97 Kim Schuenemann Leslie is now director of content for Raymond Communications in Alexandria, Va.
BIRTHS: Tiffany Rudicil Greer and husband Thomas, a son, Liam Brody, April 9, 2008. **Kim Schuenemann Leslie** and husband **Patrick,** a son, Sean Alexander, Jan. 30, 2008. **Aimee Cropper Sethness** and husband Ryan, a daughter, Kailey Elizabeth, March 20, 2008.

'98 Rennay Stephens Beaty, a third grade teacher at Carpenters Elementary School in her 10th year of teaching, was the Maryville winner of the 2008 Walmart Foundation's Teacher of the Year award. Winners receive a $100 Walmart gift card for classroom supplies and each school receives a $1,000 educational grant, as well as a chance to compete in a state-level competition for a $10,000 school grant. **Wes Farragut** joined Mountain National Bank's staff in January 2008 as vice president/consumer lender in Sevierville, Tenn. He has 13 years of banking experience in Sevier County and is also vice president of the Tennessee Bankers Association, Young Bankers Division. **Scott Hall** stepped down after seven years as head coach at Shelbyville Central in Tennessee after a record-setting 2006 season. He is now coaching at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. **Christine Rajkowski** is a fund accountant with Denali Asset Management in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands after nearly a decade with DENSO Manufacturing in Maryville, Tenn. **Sarah Wagner** was named Air Force Outstanding Individual Community Planner of the Year at a March 2008 awards ceremony at the Pentagon.
BIRTH: Sherrie Brents Dudley and husband Joseph, a son, Logan Michael, May 19, 2006.

'99 Sarah Knisley Arnett is currently teaching at Harding Academy in Memphis, Tenn. She was awarded the Pat Bowie Outstanding Early Childhood Employee of the Year for 2007-2008.
MARRIAGES: Nicole Brabender to Shannon Samples, April 2008. **Marl Murphy** to Jennifer Becker, Nov. 7, 2008.
BIRTHS: Shannon Bryant Carey and husband Zachary, a son, Daniel Douglas, April 29, 2008. **Jamie Cotton Chapman** and husband Patrick, a son, Garrett Tristan, Jan. 4, 2008.

'00 Brooke Daniel is the associate director of residence life for Allen & O'Hara Education Services in Memphis, Tenn. **Brian Gossett** is the new alternative school's teacher for Alcoa High School. He has worked with Lenoir City Schools and McMinn County Schools. **Meredith Hansel** accepted a position with the Land Trust for Tennessee (Nashville) working on conservation easements and land purchases. **Laura Murphy Krysinsky** works for the U.S. Forest Service in New Ellenton, S.C., assisting on a Short Rotation Woody Crop Co-op/ Bio Fuel Research project. **Joanna Wilson McCormick** is a master certified instructor with New Horizons Computer Learning Center in Knoxville, Tenn. **Christopher Moore** earned his master's degree in public policy from the University of Minnesota in 2007. He is a research associate at the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in St. Paul, Minn.
BIRTH: Jaclyn Natasha Smith McMurray and husband Bartley, a son, Brandt Davis, April 23, 2008.

In August 2008, **Crissy Wieck Welhoelter '00** received a Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce and YP Nashville "Emerging Leader Award." Welhoelter, regional sales manager for Dell Inc., was recognized in the area of technology. She was commended for being an advocate for women in the workplace and serving on the boards for the Harpeth Hall Young Alumnae and the Adventure Science Center, among other projects.

'01 **Katrina Atchley** and **Joseph Ballard** have joined the law firm Lewis, King, Krieg & Waldrop as associates in Knoxville, Tenn. Ballard practices in the areas of insurance casualty defense, product liability and general commercial and tort litigation. Atchley specializes in construction, commercial litigation, design professional liability and landlord/tenant litigation. **Jessica Ballou** completed a Psy.D. in clinical psychology and is involved in a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of San Francisco's Counseling and Psychological Services. **Kristi Falco** was honored with an Environmental Achievement Award in June 2008 for her work in furthering educational programs at the Blount County landfill, as well as enabling programs such as the Little River Round Up. **Robert Krysinsky** is a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army, stationed at Ft. Gordon, Ga.
MARRIAGES: Giovanni DeZuani to Devon Nicole Gaughf, Oct. 6, 2008. **Scott Fox** to Sara Nicole Rowan, May 31, 2008. **Katie Greer** to Travis Shoemaker, April 4, 2008. **Misty Wilson** to **Jason Perry '04,** March 18, 2008.

'02 **Jeremy Baucom** joined antivirus company Kaspersky Lab in 2006 and currently works as webmaster at the global headquarters in Moscow, Russia. **Jennifer Hill** completed her first year of teaching fourth grade on the Navajo reservation in the Holbrook Unified School District and is working towards her full certification in Arizona. **Jessica Kone** has been working in transactional corporate law, focusing on Internet law. **Sarah Stutzman Ray** is in her third year as choral director and musical theater director at Clinton High School in Clinton, Tenn.
BIRTH: BreAnn Daniel Kidd and husband **Justin '04,** a daughter, Kaylyn Lois, June 24, 2008.
MARRIAGES: Daniel Frome to Stephanie Benson, May 24, 2008. **Natalie Hood** to Jeffrey Garrett, May 24, 2008.

'03 **Catherine Carr Ashe** was awarded a degree in veterinary medicine from the University of Tennessee in May 2008. She works at an emergency veterinary clinic in Chattanooga, Tenn. **Jessica Foster Bumbalough** was promoted to stewardship coordinator in the Advancement Office at the University of Alabama, Huntsville. **Danielle Duckett-Pritchard** was awarded the Mary Byron Fellowship to continue her study of domestic violence as she works on her doctorate at the University of Kentucky (UK). She and husband **Adam Pritchard** are both employed as research assistants at the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and part-time instructors at UK and Eastern Kentucky University. **Lisa Ritter Green** was honored with the "New Teacher of the Year" award from Lenoir City Schools in 2008. **Jenny Herren** completed her fifth year at the University of Texas Austin and defended her dissertation. She will spend her clinical internship at Harvard Medical/Children's Hospital of Boston, Mass. **Ben Jackson** graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University in 2008. He graduated from Vanderbilt University's Southeastern School of Banking in 2005 and is currently employed at the Bank of Frankewing in Pulaski, Tenn. **Jeff Jopling** presented his work in a concert entitled "Music on the Farm" in May 2008. He has performed his gospel music throughout Florida, Georgia and Tennessee and plans to release a CD. **Sgt. Jesse Neace** performed "God Bless America" in the 7th inning of the World Series game on Oct. 26, 2008.
MARRIAGES: Allison Beaver

FOUR MC GRADS JOIN ADMISSIONS STAFF

Quinn Bradley '08

Emily Emadian '09

Arielle von Boettinger Kilday '05

Michelle Wilson '08

Quinn Bradley '08, Emily Emadian '09, Arielle von Boettinger Kilday '05 and **Michelle Wilson '08** have joined the Maryville College Admissions staff as admissions advisors.

"These alumni all have a unique understanding of the Maryville College experience, but from very different vantage points," commented Bill Sliwa, vice president of enrollment at the College.

Following graduation from MC, Bradley worked in sales in Knoxville, first with Winstead Marketing and later, West Side Honda. The former Scots basketball player also has extensive volunteer experience as a Bonner Scholar.

Emadian, a Tullahoma, Tenn., native, majored in music theory and composition and was an active member of the MC Concert Choir, the MC Jazz Band and the vocal ensemble Off Kilter. She also tutored peers in music theory and aural skills.

In her new role at the College, Emadian is focusing on recruiting students for the Fine Arts Division.

Following graduation from MC, Kilday earned a master of science degree in college student personnel. She worked as a graduate assistant/intern over the past two years for UT's CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, LEAD Summer Institute and Office of Graduate and International Admissions.

Wilson was employed by Multi-Media Solutions, Inc., in Alcoa over the past four years. She worked in event planning as a tradeshow coordinator and marketing assistant.

Admissions advisors are responsible for coordination and implementation of recruitment efforts for prospective students, including attending recruiting events, cultivating leads, advising and providing comprehensive student support through the entire admissions application process.

to **Tim Burchett,** June 17, 2008. **Jennifer LeBar** to Jason Caenepeel, Aug. 2, 2008. **Marquita Porter** to Willie Smith Jr., Aug. 30, 2008. **Monica Williams** to Daniel Williams, May 25, 2008.

'04 **Lauren Butz** is pursuing her master's degree in environmental studies at the University of Montana in Missoula. She enjoys working on the farm and at the farmer's market. **Rachel Hankinson** is teaching first grade in Loudon County Schools, Tenn. and is the site coordinator for the Loudon County Family Resource Center's after school program. **Brian Howdeshell** is serving in the U.S. Navy and is stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He is a casualty evacuation corpsman who takes care of wounded or sick Marines and is currently deployed to Afghanistan for several months. **Allison Milligan** is an associate veterinarian at Kinard Animal Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn. **Amy Norris** teaches 7th and 8th grade at Holston Middle School in Knoxville, Tenn., and is also a reserve deputy with the Knox County Sheriff's Office. **Jason Proffitt** currently teaches 11th grade English at Stratford High School in Nashville, Tenn.
MARRIAGES: **Meredith Elliott** to Nasaem Mousa, July 12, 2008. **Stevie Neifert** to Nick Veale, Sept. 20, 2008. **Misty Rop** to Brandon Abele, April 26, 2008. **Hayley Smith** to **Bret Huskey '05,** May 17, 2008. **Karly Wilkinson** to Ben McMurry, IV, May 3, 2008.
BIRTH: **Cody Maupin** and wife Heather, a daughter, Reese Bailey, June 28, 2008.

'05 **Amy Brown** teaches third grade in Knox County (Tenn.) Schools. **Brianna Merrill Cook** is senior program counselor at Peninsula Behavioral Health in Maryville, Tenn. **Gihani Perera Isaacs** graduated from George Washington University with a master's degree in public policy in spring 2008. **Blair King** is the health coordinator for Oak Ridge Schools. He has worked for two years as a physical education teacher in Tennessee and Virginia schools and has a master's degree in exercise science, physical education and wellness from Tennessee Technical University. **Jacqueline Reed** is currently pursuing her master's degree in psychology at Walden University in Minnesota. **Drew Stock** is currently employed by Dell Computers as senior account manager in Nashville, Tenn. **Kyla Surdyka** is working at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in the Department of Neurology as a research assistant. Her research is focused on improving sleep habits in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
MARRIAGES: **Amy Brown** to Christopher Henderson, Dec. 20, 2008. **William Harris** to Julie King, May 26, 2007. **Derrick Hicks** to Maria Muñoz, Aug. 11, 2007. **Gihani Perera** to **Michael Isaacs '06,** May 25, 2008.
BIRTH: **Shelley Gumm Blevins** and husband Shawn, a daughter, Lillian MaShel Paije, March 16, 2007.

'06 **Adam Carringer** is currently employed at Olin Corporation in Cleveland, Tenn. as an environmental specialist I. **Jason Collins** graduated from officer school in the U.S. Marine

Recent graduate selected for Fulbright-Nehru Award

MATT MURRILL '08 was selected for a prestigious Fulbright-Nehru Award, which is allowing him to study the groundwater arsenic contamination of the Indian state of West Bengal.

He left August 15 for an orientation in New Dehli, India, and spent the next nine months at Jadavpur University in Calcutta, working with scientists in the university's School of Environmental Studies.

"The World Health Organization (WHO) has labeled the groundwater arsenic contamination of the Bengal Basin as the largest environmental poisoning in history, worse than both the radioactive fallout of Chernobyl and the industrial disaster at Bhopal," Murrill said in an interview this summer. "Some research suggests that up to 26 million people in West Bengal and 77 million people in Bangladesh are at risk of drinking water with arsenic levels greater than the WHO maximum permissible limit."

In addition to water sampling and testing in the laboratory, Murrill, who majored in chemistry at the College, is studying the historical and socio-cultural aspects of the contamination.

Arsenic-contaminated drinking water afflicts not only South Asia but other regions including Chile, the Western United States, Appalachia, Mexico and Canada. Chronic exposure to this heavy metal is associated with a myriad of health problems – atherosclerosis, peripheral neuropathy, skin lesions and various types of cancer.

Murrill is believed to be the first MC student or recent graduate to be awarded a Fulbright.

"Almost every single Fulbright Fellowship at this level goes to a recent graduate of an Ivy League or similarly well-known – and similarly-priced – college," said Dr. Dan Klingensmith, associate professor of history who was a Fulbright Scholar in 2007 and advised Murrill through the Fulbright application process. "It's a competitive grant, in short, and I'm delighted and proud that one of our students did so well and that I could be a part of it."

Read more about Murrill's study in India and the Fulbright Program at maryvillecollege.edu.

Corps in Oct. 2007. **Tim Ellrich** returned to Nashville, Tenn., where he is working at Capital Accounts as a Nashville area sales coordinator. **Michael Isaacs** completed his second year of seminary at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. **Raul Placeres** is the basketball coach at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School in Gatlinburg, Tenn., and was picked to play in the second annual Pilot Rocky Top League of Knoxville, representing MC as one of 60 players chosen to fill six teams, selected from top players in the nation to compete against each other. **Yvonne Wenta-Wells** graduated during the summer of 2008 with a master's degree in teacher education with an emphasis on art education for K-12.

MARRIAGES: Adam Carringer to Angela Careaga Piaggio, May 25, 2008. **Jennifer Francescon** to Daniel Childs, Jan. 10, 2009. **Jeffrey Gotcher** to **Elizabeth Gowan '07,** June 7, 2008.

'07 Sarah Hofrichter is a staff sign language interpreter at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va. **Kevin Hunley** is currently working as senior financial counselor at 21st Mortgage in Knoxville, Tenn. **Stacy Justus** completed her second year working as a math teacher for the Jefferson County Public Schools in Louisville, Ky. She is working on a math textbook for her district. The textbook project is being funded through a grant supplied by General Electric. **Chante LaDage** expected to graduate from Boston University's School of Social Work in May 2009. **Ashley Shattuck** is a nursing student at Union University in Jackson, Tenn. **Alex Youn** worked on Indiana Congressman Brad Ellsworth's re-election campaign, after having worked on the presidential trail in Iowa and Nevada.

MARRIAGES: Keith Allmon to **Cassie Brown '08,** June 28, 2008. **Whitney Garner** to Steven Boring, Oct. 25, 2008. **Stephanie Kerr** to Matthew Hearon, March 15, 2008. **Britton Knight** to Stephanie Nelson, May 17, 2008. **Lauren Smith** to Matt Robinson, June 7, 2008.

MEMORIAM: Lindsey Hawkins, April 17, 2008, in Knoxville, Tenn.

'08 Bret Jones teaches at Richard Yoakley School in Knoxville, Tenn. **Brian Phelps** has joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in Peru. **Saray Roman Taylor** completed her first year teaching Spanish for the Oak Ridge School system. **Katie Saxe** completed her first year teaching physical education and wellness at Woodland Elementary School in Oak Ridge, Tenn. **Ashley Tardiff** is working as a loan officer at Community South Small Business Lending in Knoxville, Tenn.

MARRIAGES: Erin French to Jeffrey Dols, May 31, 2008. **Kiley Lloyd** to Tony Puglisi, May 31, 2008. **Silvia Saray Roman** to Daniel Taylor, Oct. 17, 2008.

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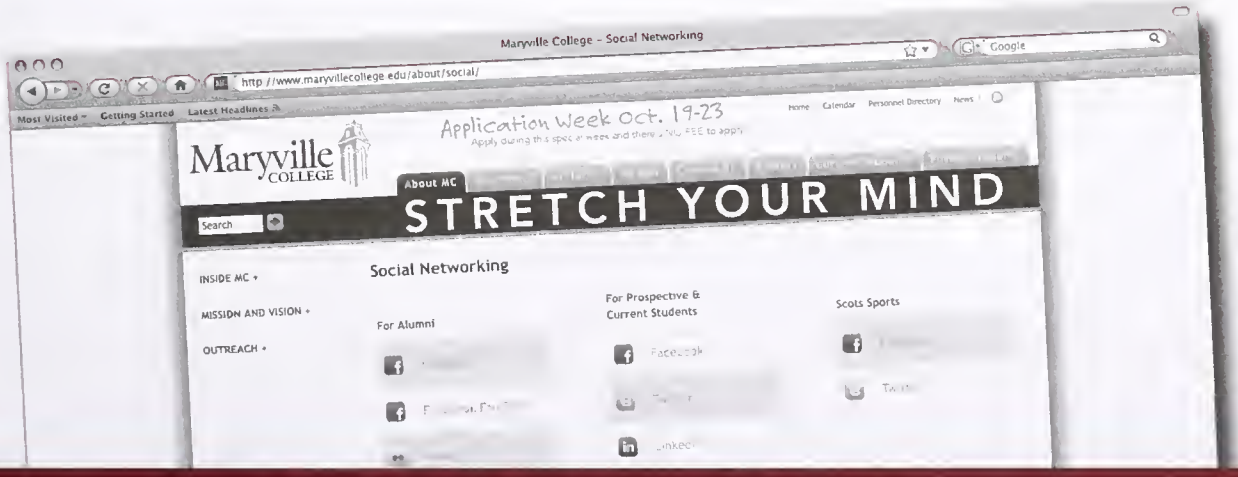

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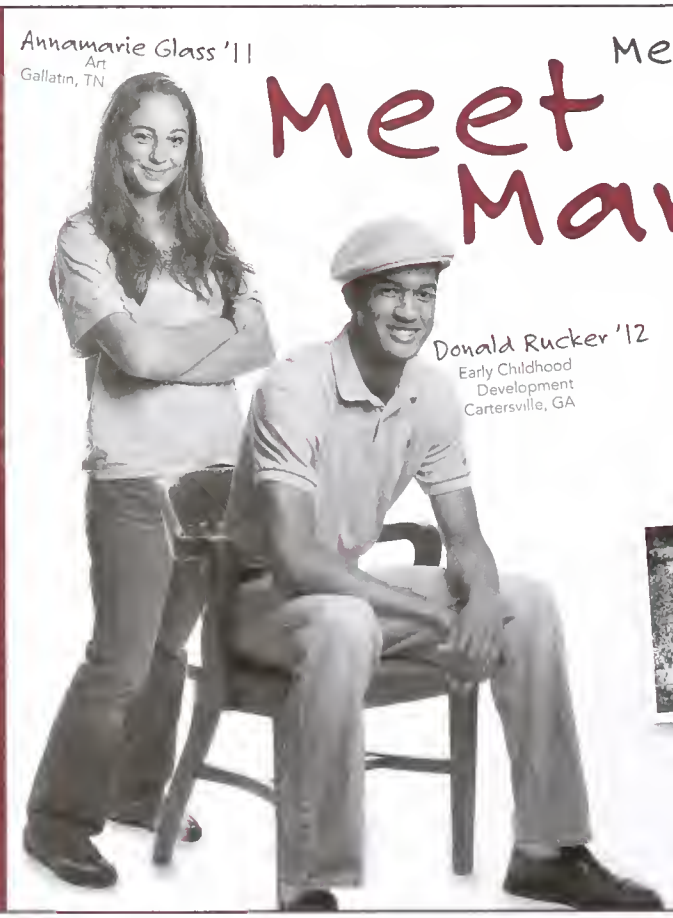

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